

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO

In re:

THE FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT AND MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR PUERTO RICO,	:	PROMESA
	:	Title III
as representative of	:	Case No. 17-BK-3283 (LTS)
THE COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO <i>et al.</i> ,	:	(Jointly Administered)
Debtors. ¹	:	

**VERIFIED STATEMENT OF OFFICIAL COMMITTEE OF UNSECURED
CREDITORS PURSUANT TO BANKRUPTCY RULE 2019**

Pursuant to Rule 2019 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the “Bankruptcy Rules”) made applicable to these title III cases by section 310 of the Puerto Rico Oversight, Management and Economic Stability Act of 2016 (“PROMESA”),² the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico (and other title III debtor(s) (if any) for which it acts as the official committee of unsecured creditors) (the “Committee”) by and through its undersigned counsel, hereby submits this verified statement (the “Verified Statement”), and respectfully states as follows:

¹ The Debtors in these title III cases, along with each Debtor’s respective title III case number listed as a bankruptcy case number due to software limitations and the last four (4) digits of each Debtor’s federal tax identification number, as applicable, are the (i) Commonwealth of Puerto Rico (the “Commonwealth”) (Bankruptcy Case No. 17-BK-3283 (LTS)) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3481), (ii) Employees Retirement System of the Government of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico (“ERS”) (Bankruptcy Case No. 17-BK-3566 (LTS)) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 9686), (iii) Puerto Rico Highways and Transportation Authority (“HTA”) (Bankruptcy Case No. 17-BK-3567 (LTS)) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3808), and (iv) Puerto Rico Sales Tax Financing Corporation (“COFINA”) (Bankruptcy Case No. 17-BK-3284 (LTS)) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 8474).

² References to PROMESA are references to 48 U.S.C. §§ 2101 *et. seq.*

1. On June 15, 2017 (the “Formation Date”), the Office of the United States Trustee for the District of Puerto Rico (the “U.S. Trustee”) filed a *Notice Appointing Creditors Committee for Unsecured Creditors* [Docket No. 338].

2. The Committee members hold unsecured claims against the Commonwealth and its instrumentalities arising from a variety of relationships, including, among others, that of trade creditors and holders of labor claims and tax related claims.

3. In accordance with Bankruptcy Rule 2019, attached hereto as Exhibit A is a list of the names and addresses of, and the nature and amount of all disclosable economic interests held by, each Committee member in relation to the Debtors as of the Formation Date (unless otherwise indicated). The claims and claim amounts set forth on Exhibit A have been provided by the applicable Committee members.

4. None of the Committee members or their affiliates holds bonds issued by the Commonwealth or its instrumentalities.

5. By filing this Verified Statement, the Committee makes no representation regarding the amount, allowance or priority of such claims and reserves all rights with respect thereto.

6. Nothing contained in this Verified Statement (or Exhibit A hereto) should be construed as a limitation upon, or waiver of, any Committee member’s right to assert, file, or amend its claim(s) in accordance with applicable law and any orders entered in these cases, including any order establishing procedures for filing proofs of claim.

7. The Committee reserves the right to amend or supplement this Verified Statement in accordance with the requirements set forth in Bankruptcy Rule 2019.

Dated: August 16, 2017
San Juan, Puerto Rico

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